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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. I EMBRACE WHAT AMB HERTZ SAYS. I WAS COUNSEL TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO FOR A DECADE UNTIL 1962 THROUGH THE CREATIVE MUNOS YEARS, SO I CAN TESTIFY THAT THE AMBASSADOR IS CORRECT IN SUGGESTING THAT THERE IS VERY MUCH MORE TO BE SAID ABOUT THE INTEGRITY AND AUTHENTICITY OF THE PUERTO RICAN EXERCISE IN SELF DETERMINATION THAN WE HAVE LET ON. HE IS ALSO RIGHT IN POINTING OUT THAT THE USG CANNOT PERMIT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAKING THE CASE IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA TO COMMONWEALTH OFFICIALS WHO, AFTER ALL, ARE NOT ACCREDITED IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. WE HAVE A MANDATE WE CANNOT DUCK. THIS IS THE VERY REASON I AM GOING TO SAN JUAN THIS EVENING. AS SOON AS I HAVE TALKED WITH THE GOVERNOR AND OTHERS, I WILL PUT TOGETHER SOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW WE MAY DO THE JOB. AMB MOYNIHAN'S SUGGESTION THAT WE TALK TO MACPHERSON IS A GOOD ONE. I HAVE AND WILL AS SOON AS I RETURN.

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